

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 6

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly**  
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Relative to human trafficking.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 6, as introduced, Donnelly. Human trafficking.

This resolution would recognize the month of January 2013, and each following January, as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and it would recognize February 1, 2013, and each following February 1, as California’s Free From Slavery Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama declared January 2011  
2 to be National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month,  
3 culminating in National Freedom Day on February 1, 2011; and  
4 WHEREAS, President Barack Obama called “upon the People  
5 of the United States to recognize the vital role we can play in  
6 ending modern slavery” and that fighting this scourge is a shared  
7 responsibility; and  
8 WHEREAS, Our nation was founded upon the principle of  
9 freedom, and we affirmed this principle with ratification of the  
10 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution that guaranteed  
11 people within our borders protection from slavery; and

1 WHEREAS, Americans are committed to individual freedom  
2 and will do all they can to help eliminate modern day slavery,  
3 which includes human trafficking, early and forced marriage,  
4 forced labor, bonded labor, and slavery by descent; and

5 WHEREAS, Beyond all differences of race, creed, or political  
6 persuasion, Americans are one people who must face national  
7 threats together, and while they now live with a heightened  
8 awareness of human trafficking and other forms of modern day  
9 slavery, they refuse to allow them to continue; and

10 WHEREAS, Human trafficking can occur in many forms. Sexual  
11 slavery, involuntary domestic servitude, and child soldiering are  
12 just a few of the abuses that men, women, and children are  
13 subjected to; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Department of State's  
15 "Trafficking in Persons Report 2010" includes the United States  
16 in its rankings for the first time in the report's 10-year history  
17 showing the United States as a growing magnet for traffickers to  
18 conduct their illegal and inhumane business; and

19 WHEREAS, The Central Intelligence Agency estimated that  
20 approximately 15,000 to 17,000 men, women, and children are  
21 trafficked into the United States every year, making the United  
22 States one of the top three trafficking destinations along with Japan  
23 and Australia; and

24 WHEREAS, California is a prime destination for human  
25 trafficking, along with other states including New York, Texas,  
26 and Nevada; and

27 WHEREAS, California's unique geography makes it a  
28 particularly vulnerable location for human trafficking because of  
29 its extensive international border, numerous ports and airports,  
30 and overall large economy; and

31 WHEREAS, Apart from the harm that this crime causes its  
32 victims, secondary consequences of human trafficking can severely  
33 affect California communities. The link between human trafficking  
34 and other criminal activities, including, but not limited to, human  
35 smuggling, drug trafficking, money laundering, and organized  
36 crime, increases the potential for other violent crime. The United  
37 States Department of State reports that the impact of human  
38 trafficking on surrounding communities includes increased crime  
39 and gang activity, child exploitation, public health problems, and  
40 depressed wages; and

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the vital role California  
2 can play in preventing and one day ending modern slavery; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes January 2013,  
6 and each following January, as National Slavery and Human  
7 Trafficking Prevention Month; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes February 1, 2013,  
9 and each following February 1, as California's Free From Slavery  
10 Day, and calls upon all Californians to follow President Obama's  
11 charge to "educate themselves about all forms of modern slavery  
12 and the signs and consequences of human trafficking"; and be it  
13 further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
15 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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